ANCHE DEPARTMENT.

No. 584—338. *The 14th February* 1888.

The following Postal Notice received from the Postmaster General, Madras, is published for the information of the public.

B. MURAY GURGIAH,
Anche Bakshi.

POSTAL NOTICE.

It has already been intimated that on and after the 20th February 1888 Mails from Europe will be due to arrive in Bombay on *Monday* of each week instead of on Tuesday as at present: and the public are now hereby informed that arrangements have been made for a corresponding change in the day of sailing from Madras of the weekly steamers for the Northern Ports and Rangoon, under which the steamers will, after the despatch on Thursday the 16th February 1888, leave Madras on Wednesday of each week, the first Wednesday despatch for the Northern Ports being made on the 22nd February 1888. This will expedite the conveyance of the Foreign Mail to the Northern Ports.

2. Hitherto there has been only a fortnightly mail service between the Madras Presidency and Burmah in each direction by means of these steamers, although a weekly service is maintained between Madras and the Northern Ports on the Coromandel Coast. Arrangements have now been made for introducing a weekly mail service between the Madras Presidency and Burmah, each steamer in both directions being utilized for the conveyance of mails. Henceforth in accordance with this arrangement mails for Rangoon and other offices in Burmah will be despatched from Madras by each weekly steamer. The last Thursday despatch will, as intimated above, be made on Thursday the 16th February 1888, after which date the mails will leave Madras on Wednesday of each week, commencing from Wednesday the 22nd idem.

3. This change from Thursday to Wednesday in the day of departure from Madras will advance the steamer sailings by one day throughout the voyage so that the return steamers will reach Madras one day earlier than at present, *i. e.* on Wednesday of each week instead of on Thursday.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

DESTRUCTION OF USELESS TALUK TREASURY RECORDS.

The District and Taluk Treasury Officers, Circular No. 1699, *dated 11th February* 1888.

...ful examination of the statements of records furnished by Deputy Commissioners, Treasury ... in compliance with this office Circular No. 1620, dated 7th March 1885, the Comptroller ... issue the following instructions regarding the preservation and destruction of the Taluk ... records.

In the accompanying ...ment is mentioned almost every description of record likely to be found in a Taluk Treasury together ... the period for which it should be preserved. All papers have been divided into a number of classes ...cording to the period for which their preservation is required. As soon as possible after the close of each official year, the records of that year should be sorted and arranged under these several groups, with descriptive lists of the documents and covering slips indicating the name of the class and the number of years for which they should be preserved, the whole being kept in a separate daftar. At the same time such of the records of the preceding years as are not required to be preserved any longer should be destroyed, the descriptive lists and covering slips alone being preserved with a note under the signature of the Amildar or Sheristadar that they have been destroyed, and a report should be made to the Deputy Commissioner, Treasury Department, of the sorting of the records of the previous year and of the destruction of the records of former years. At the annual inspection of Taluk Treasury, care should be taken to see that these instructions have been duly carried out and the fact noted in the report.

Under each class, some space has been left vacant in the statement for the purpose of entering any new documents not enumerated in it, and for transferring from one class to another such of those as are entered therein, if found necessary upon further consideration. Any suggestions made by the Deputy Commissioner will receive careful attention and such alterations of the statement as may seem called for will be notified from time to time.

A. RANGASWAMAIENGAR,
Comptroller.